

March 21, 1916

MRS. CLARISSA SMITH

Mrs. Clarissa Smith passed away at her home in this city Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, paralysis being the cause. Mrs. Smith had been bedridden since December 26, last past, with no hope of recovery. She had suffered intensely throughout the intervening three months' period, and the Angel of Death brought relief from intense pain from which in life she had known no let up.

Mrs. Smith was a pioneer resident of the community and of Groton as well, coming here with her husband and family in 1882, they passed together through that period when living in this section was anything but a pleasure. They originally settled south of James, later removing to the farm occupied by her son, Frank Smith, at this time. She came to Groton twenty-three years ago, following the death of her husband, who was then accidentally killed. She had since then made Groton her home.

The funeral services occurred from her home Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. Harrold, of the First M. E. church, officiating. Interment was in Groton Union cemetery.

Clarissa Pierce was born on the 11th of November, 1833, in Newcomers-town, O. She was married in 1852 to Mr. James Whelan. Two children were born to this union, one of whom died in infancy, and Evan Whelan, now living in Canada. The husband died in 1857. She was married to George E. Smith on the 10th of March, 1859. Four children were born to them, Clinton Smith, who lives in Lacombe, Canada; Mrs. A. H. Potter and Frank Smith, of Groton; Mrs. Nellie Swinson, of Huron. At the time of her death she was 83 years, 4 months and four days old.

In addition to the children she is survived by fifteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.